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8. It is, therefore, a great mistake to strengthen Malenkov's prestige by various offers of non-aggression pacts or other agreements. What is still more serious is the sense of insecurity and confusion such offers create among the oppressed nations, as well as mistrust towards the West. That, in turn, paralyzes resistance in the satellite countries.
9. It is clear that, if Malenkov should succeed in consolidating his position enough to launch an aggressive foreign policy by next year, it would kill all centrifugal tendencies among satellite governments (especially in Czechoslovakia) and greatly reduce resistance among the oppressed nations.

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